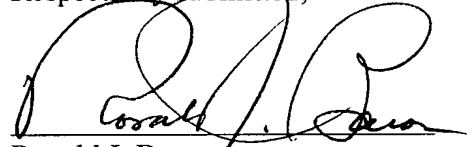


REMARKS

In order to place the present application in condition for examination in the U.S. Patent Office, e.g., by eliminating multiple dependencies, Applicant has amended certain claims to be singly dependent from previous claims. No new subject matter has been introduced as a result of this Amendment. As a result of the present Amendment, Claims 1-16 remain in the application for purpose of prosecution.

As a result of this Amendment no additional fees should be assessed as a result of filing multiple dependent claims. Therefore, since new matter has not been introduced as a result of this Amendment, entry hereof and examination and favorable consideration are respectfully requested. Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION OF AMENDMENT WITH MARKS
TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, delete the title and insert therefor the following:

DEVICE FOR STORAGE AND CONVEYANCE OF BULKY HOLDERS

On page 1, before line 1, after the title, please insert the following:

This application is the U.S. National Phase of International Application
Number PCT/NL00/00518, filed July 21, 2000, which is incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

On page 2 between lines 31 and 32 insert the following:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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On page 6, between lines 26 and 27 insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

And between lines 35 and 36 insert the following:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 4, and 6 through 16 to read as follows:

4. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which the transverse tracks are formed by rotatable discs (40) which are disposed one after the other in rows and are rotatable about a horizontal shaft (42) and in the longitudinal direction of a transverse track.

6. (Amended) Device according to claim 4 [or 5], in which the underside of a carrier (14) between the rows of wheels (16) is provided with guides (44) for accommodating and guiding the rotatable discs (40).

7. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which the carriers (14) are provided with spacers (46).

8. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which the longitudinal paths (4, 6) are provided with blocking means (48) for retaining a carrier (14).

9. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], provided with a supply point (12) and removal point (10) for feeding in and removing containers (C) respectively.

10. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which the supply point (12) and removal point (10) are situated at the same end of the longitudinal paths (4, 6) of the device.

11. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which the supply point (12) and removal point (10) are situated at the end of the longitudinal paths (4, 6) where the height difference between them is minimal.

12. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which a detection system for detecting a unique code is present, which code (C_n) is placed on a holder (C).

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13. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which each conveyance circuit (2) comprises two parallel longitudinal paths (4, 6), and each tier (32) comprises several conveyance circuits (2) disposed next to each other.

14. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], provided with a further conveyor, which moves along each supply and removal point (12, 10) of a conveyance circuit (2), and over which lifting means for conveying holders are disposed in a movable manner.

15. (Amended) Device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims], in which the second predetermined number (M) of carriers (14) movable along the longitudinal paths and transverse tracks is equal to twice the first predetermined number (N) of holder positions of a longitudinal path (4, 6) adjoining each other, minus one.

16. (Amended) Container terminal provided with a device according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims].

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